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# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

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**WITH ONE TWIST, IN JUST ONE SECOND,** They're Adding Inches of Muscles, To Their Arms, Chest, Shoulders. **WHY NOT YOU?**

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## MUSCLES—ARE FOR REAL MEN!

See For Yourself What Super-Happenings You're In On When You Start Twisting With the "007" TWISTER and Build Your Own Muscular Go-Go, Action-Packed Body—all in the privacy of your own home!

THE BODY BEAUTIFUL LOOK IS CREATED WITH THE "007" TWISTER!

Beauty—Muscularize—Give Your Body the Tough and Rugged Muscular Look of a Muscle Beach *He-Man*!



## DOES YOUR BODY LOOK MUSCLE-STARVED?

Then become this new breed of wildcat!

Be my guest—use the "007" TWISTER and if 5 minutes doesn't convince you that you too can easily toughen up and put yourself in this exciting, dramatic Muscle Beach setting, return it for a full refund! Fair? My "007" TWISTER is Tough—Durable—

Elegant, made of chromed-steel tubing with easy to hold rubber grippers. As you take it in your hands, the very first twist of this shiny coils will make every muscle in your body

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THIS IS A LIMITED OFFER AND AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH THIS COUPON—SO HURRY!

# FREE!

THIS 128-PAGE BOOK—to help you Muscle Up to a bigger, better, more "cut-up" body! Contains 15 exciting courses with over 200 photos of the Champs in muscle building action! A \$5 value—it's yours FREE—just for ordering the "007" TWISTER! Get your copy NOW!



THE ROMANTIC LOOK IS CREATED BY THE "007" TWISTER!



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**HAIL, QUEEN OF MUTANTS!**

ASK NO QUESTIONS YET--BUT GAZE DEEP  
INTO MY EYES FOR ONE BRIEF SECOND!  
THERE, ALL ANSWERS ARE WRITTEN!

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# THE X-MEN

ARE TOGETHER AGAIN--AND THAT'S ALL THE GOOD NEWS! FOR THEY FACE AN ENEMY THAT STAGGERS THE IMAGINATION--AND THREATENS SANITY ITSELF! FROM A NEST OF PUREST, BASEST EVIL, STRANGE PSYCHO-KINETIC COMMANDS FLY--CLARIONS CALL TO THE UNCONSCIOUS MUTANTS OF THE WORLD! AND...LIKE SOME STRANGE ARMY OF THE HALF-LIVING...THEY MARCH!



SHE SLEEPS! NOW, WEARING THESE BIO-PLASTICENE MASKS, WE SHALL SLIP FROM THE BUILDING UNDISCOVERED! NUMBER SEVEN, UNLOAD THE VAN--

--AND BRING THOSE TWO COFFINS HERE! THAT WAY WE WILL TRANSPORT THE BODIES QUITE EASILY!

TO COMPLETE THE DISGUISE, WEAR A SLIGHT FUNERALE SMILE AS WE LEAVE, MY FRIENDS! THERE ARE NO UNSMILING UNDERTAKERS!

THEIR PERVERSE PIED-PIPER IS--MESMERO! FOR IT IS HE WHO GUARDS THE VILE HERITAGE OF MAGNETO--MASTER OF EVIL MUTANTS! WHILE THE OTHER X-MEN SEARCH OUT MESMERO, ICEMAN REMAINS BEHIND TO PROTECT LORNA DANE, HERSELF A TARGET OF THE GREAT MUTANT CONSPIRACY!

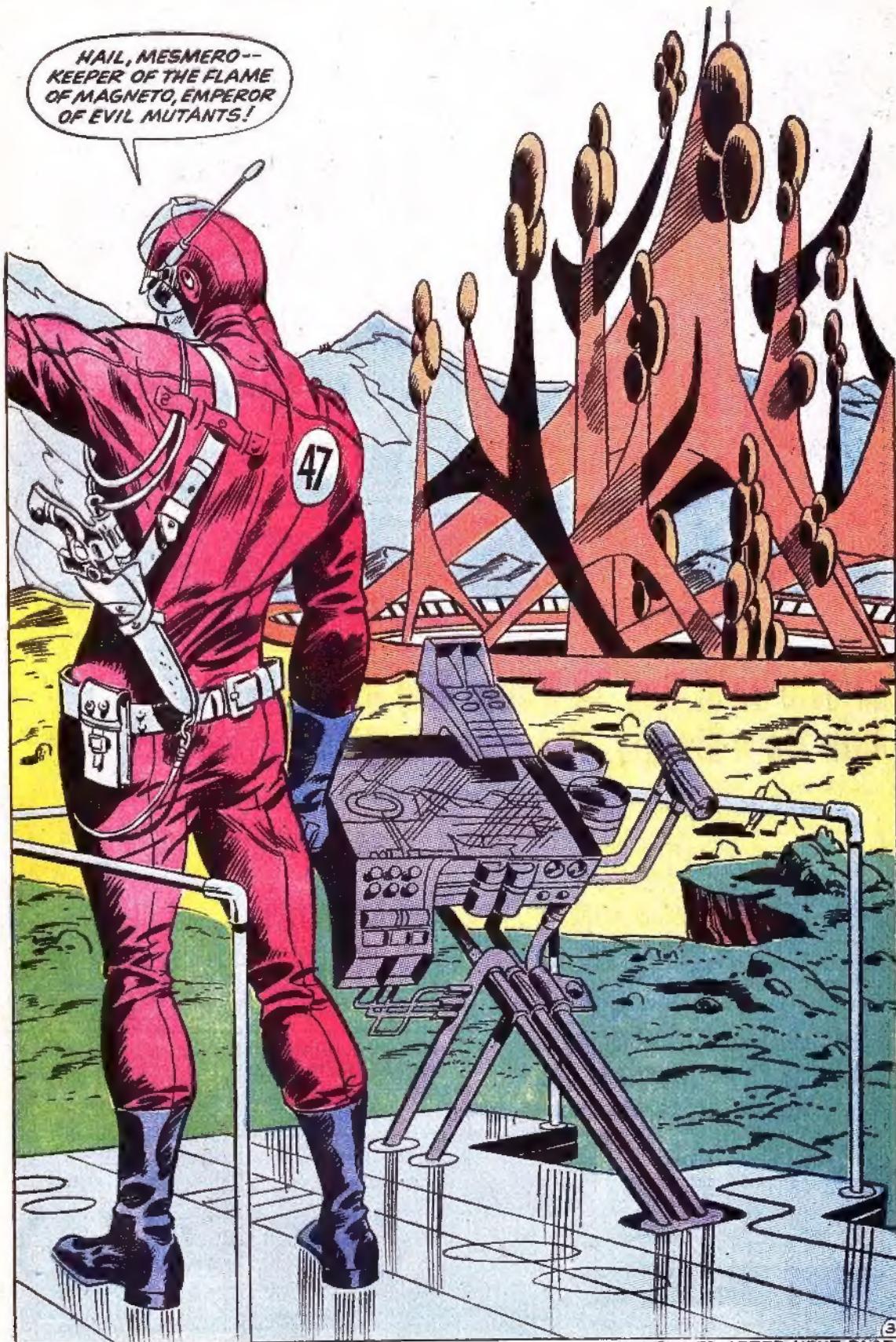
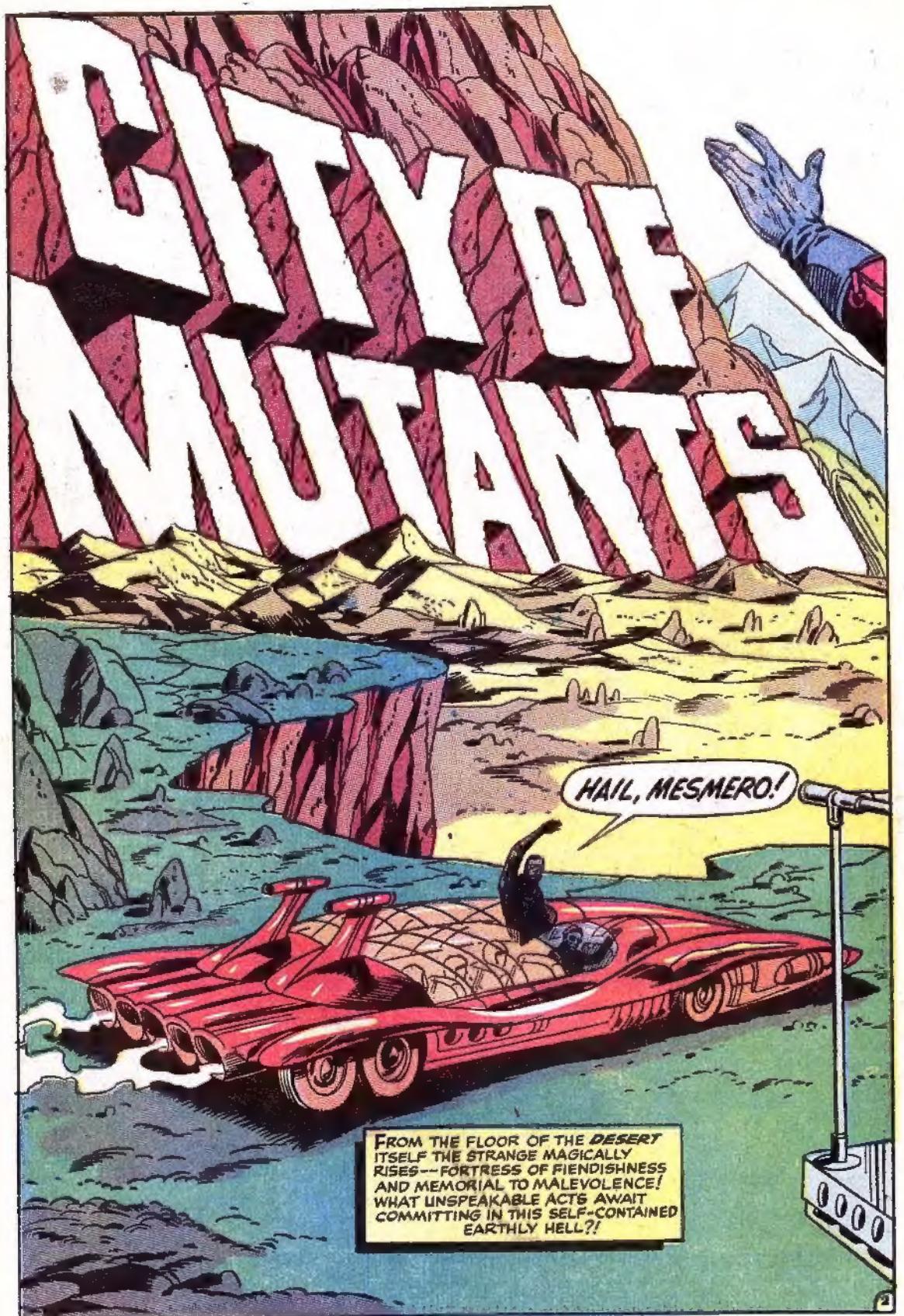


THOUGH HYPNOTIZED, LORNA DANE FELT A SENSE OF TRAVELING AND EVEN MADE ONE FUTILE EFFORT TO RAISE THE LID OF HER ENCLOSURE--BUT ONLY ONE!

SUDDENLY, MESMERO AND HIS ELITE GUARD BURST UPON THE SCENE, OVERWHELMING ICEMAN'S HEROIC DEFENSES AND PARALYZING HIS BODY! LORNA LISTENS IN FEAR AS MESMERO SPEAKS HIS STRANGELY SICKENING SALUTE

**--HAIL,  
QUEEN OF  
MUTANTS!**

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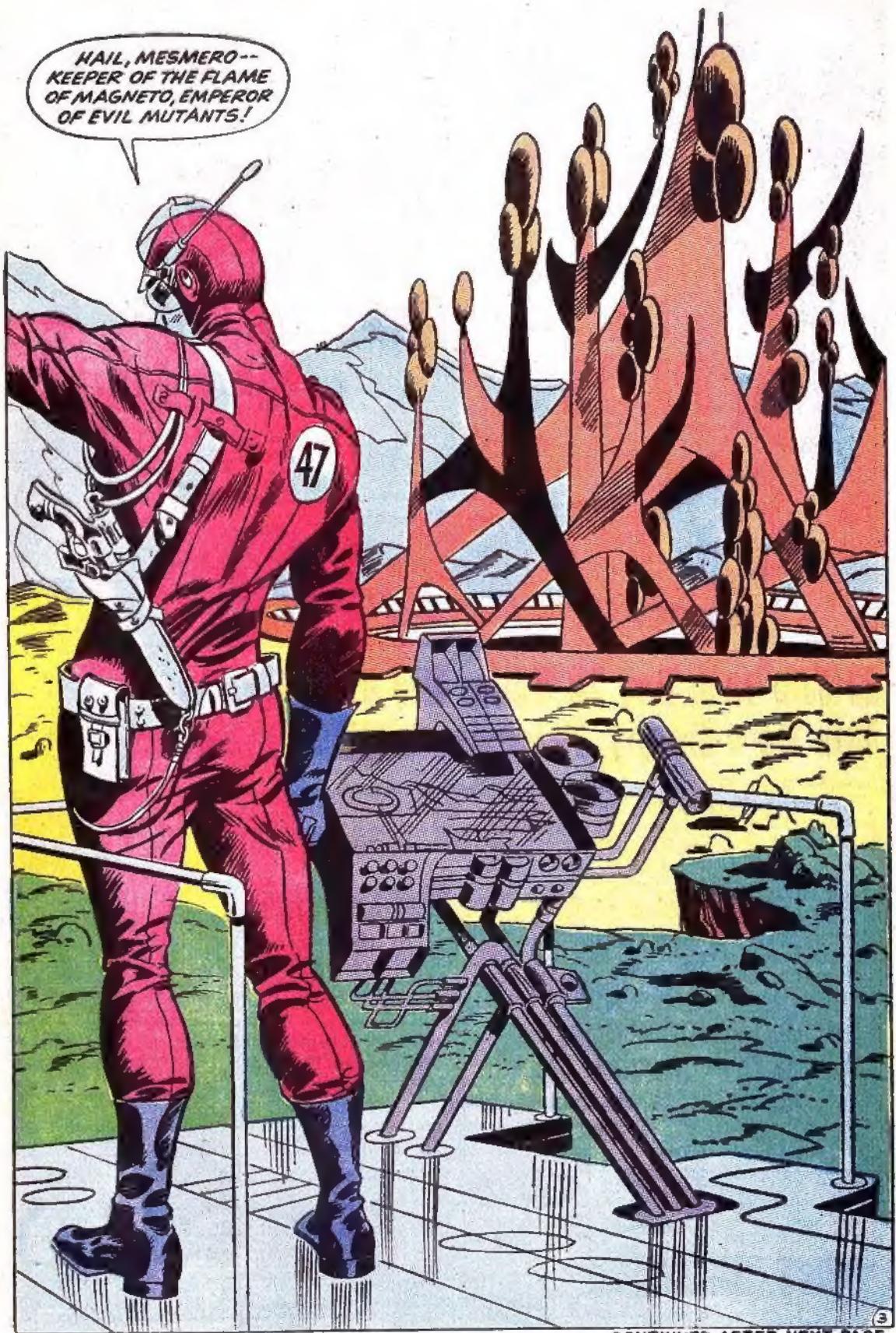
# CITY OF MUTANTS

HAIL, MESMERO!

FROM THE FLOOR OF THE DESERT  
ITSELF THE STRANGE MAGICALLY  
RISES--FORTRESS OF FIENDISHNESS  
AND MEMORIAL TO MALEVOLENCE!  
WHAT UNSPEAKABLE ACTS AWAIT  
COMMITTING IN THIS SELF-CONTAINED  
EARTHLY HELL?!

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HAIL, MESMERO--  
KEEPER OF THE FLAME  
OF MAGNETO, EMPEROR  
OF EVIL MUTANTS!



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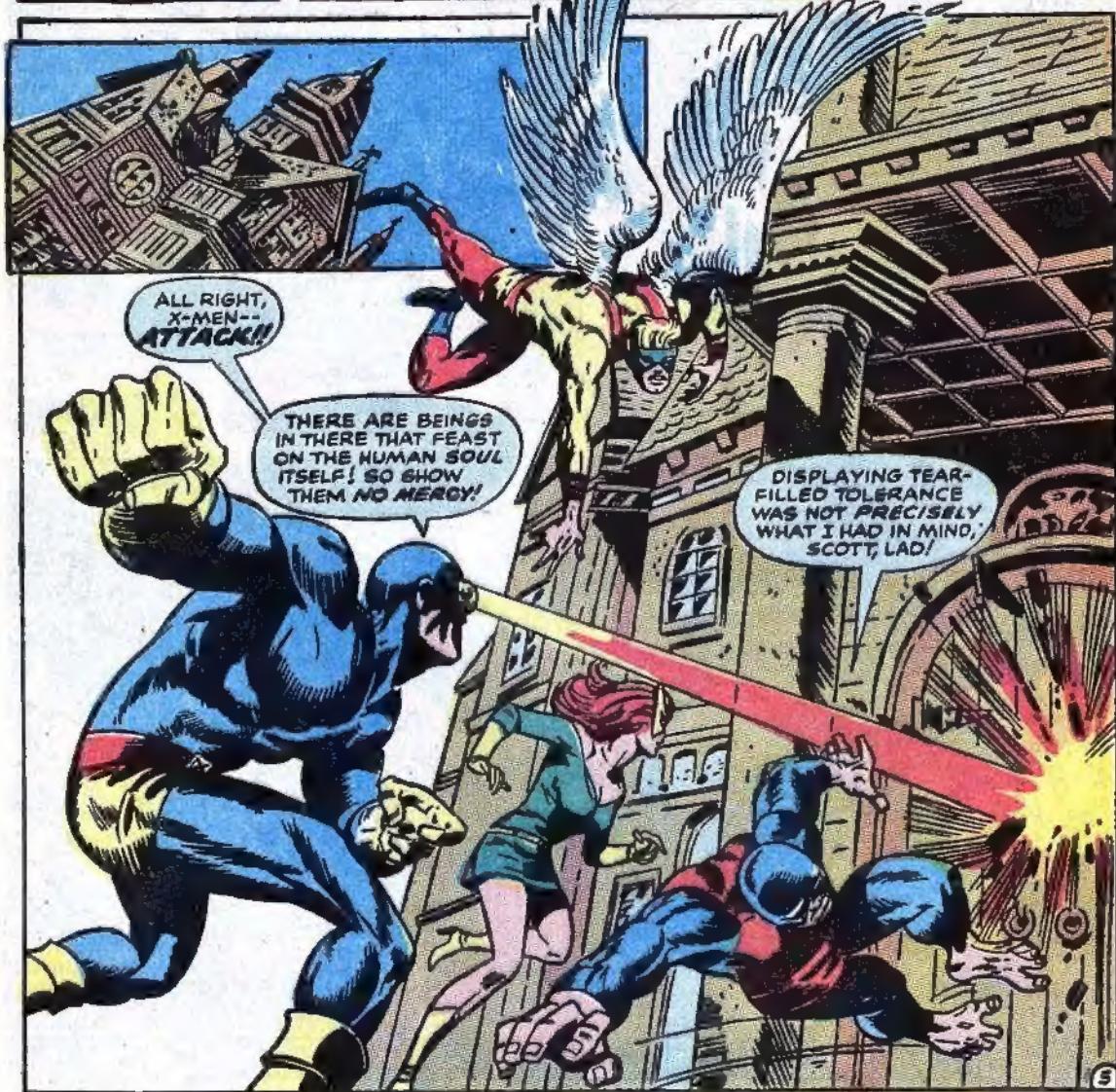
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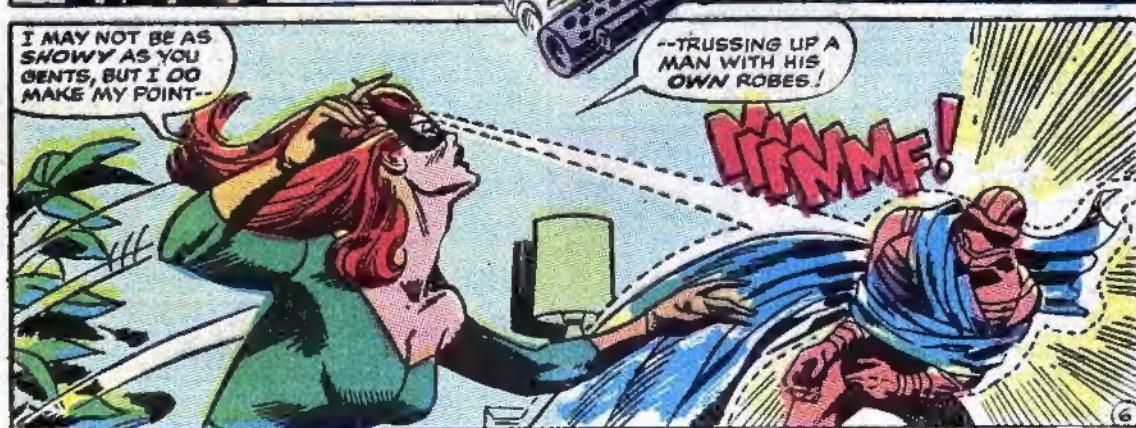
WHAT GROSS EVIL LURKS BEHIND THAT GRIM GOTHIC FACADE?

IT GIVES ME THE SCREAMING MEEMIES JUST TO LOOK AT IT!

THAT'S ONE COOKIE JAR I'M GONNA LIKE BUSTIN' INTO!

CAREFULLY! A WILY MIND HIDES WITHIN THOSE MURKY HALLS!

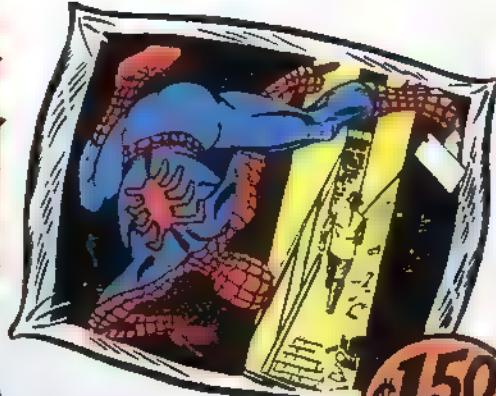




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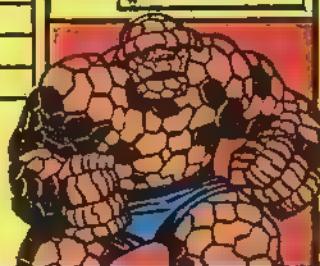


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SPIDER-MAN		
THE HULK		
THOR		

MERRY MARVEL  
MARCHING SOCIETY  
KIT



OKAY, MADMEN... HERE'S MY HARD-  
EARNED CASH, WHICH I'M SENDING YOU AT:  
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OKAY, BEAST—HERE COMES A BILLIARD SHOT! EIGHT BALL IN THE SIDE POCKET!

RIGHT OFF THE CUSHION AND--BULL'S-EYE!



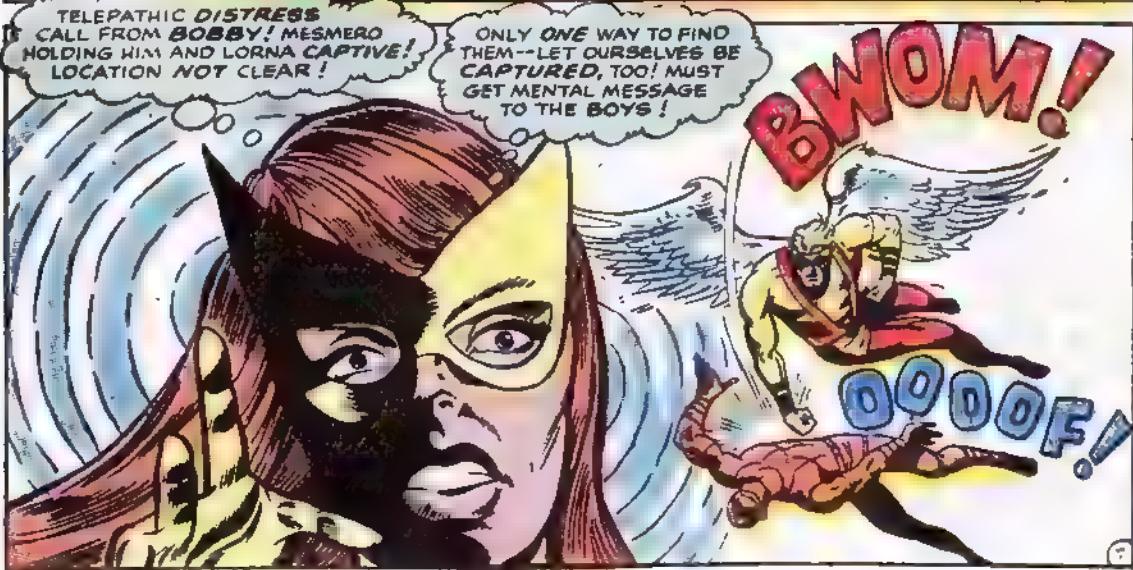
IT'S ALMOST A PLEASURE, DUSTING THIS DEMON SKULL WITH A PACK OF KNUCKLES!

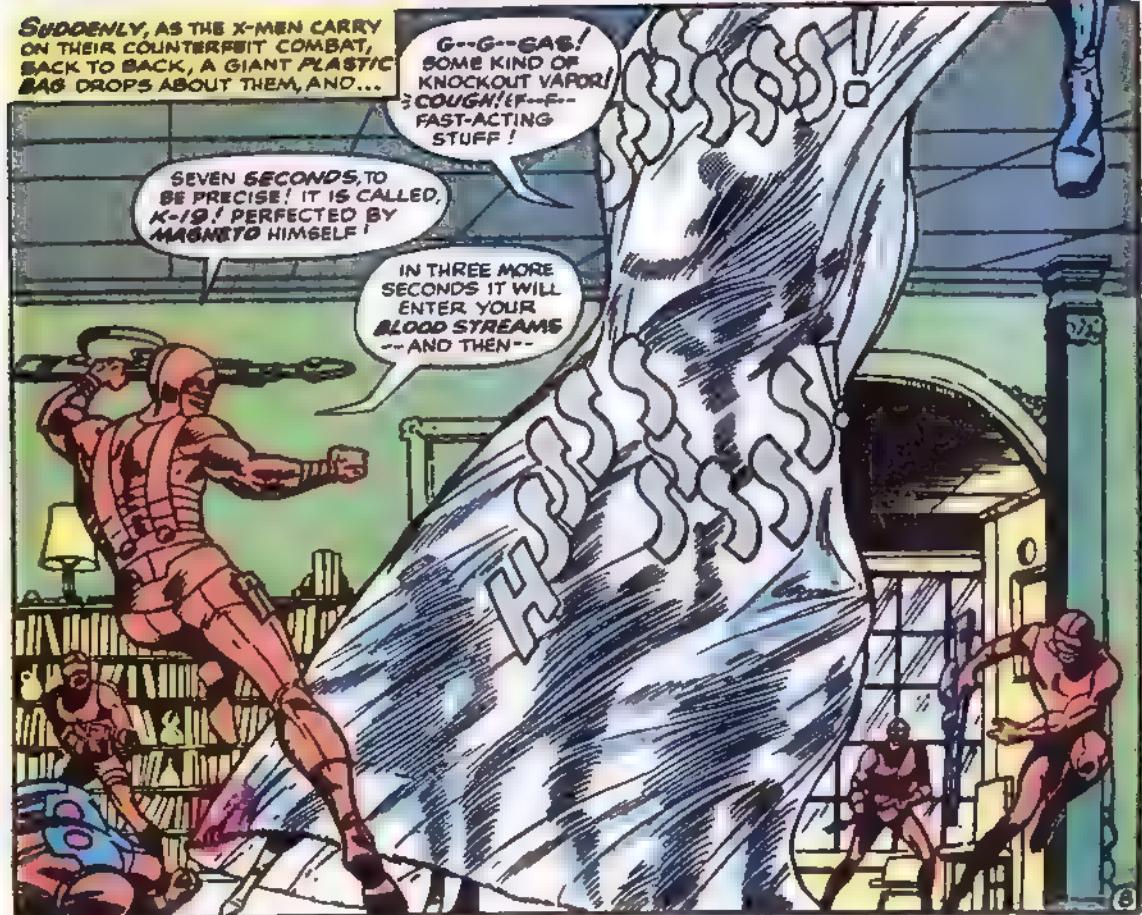
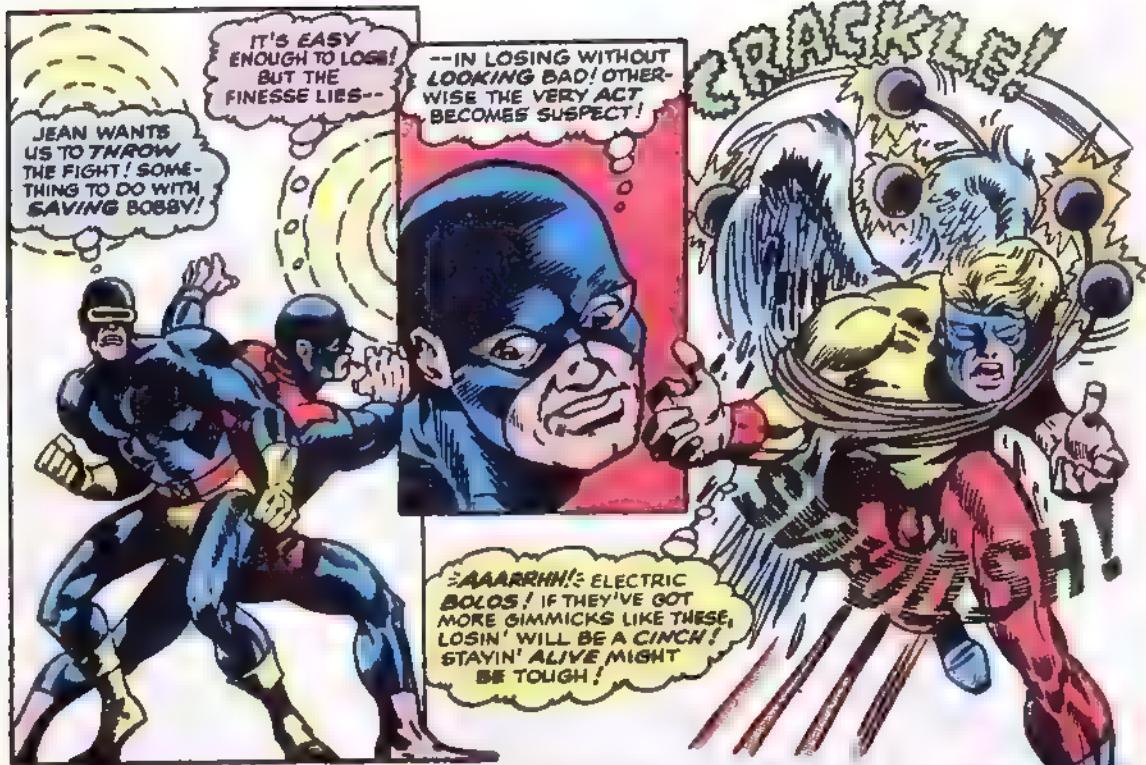
THEN SEE IF MY CARESS BRINGS PLEASURE, AS WELL!



TELEPATHIC DISTRESS CALL FROM BOBBY! MESMERO HOLDING HIM AND LORNA CAPTIVE! LOCATION NOT CLEAR!

ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND THEM--LET OURSELVES BE CAPTURED, TOO! MUST GET MENTAL MESSAGE TO THE BOYS!



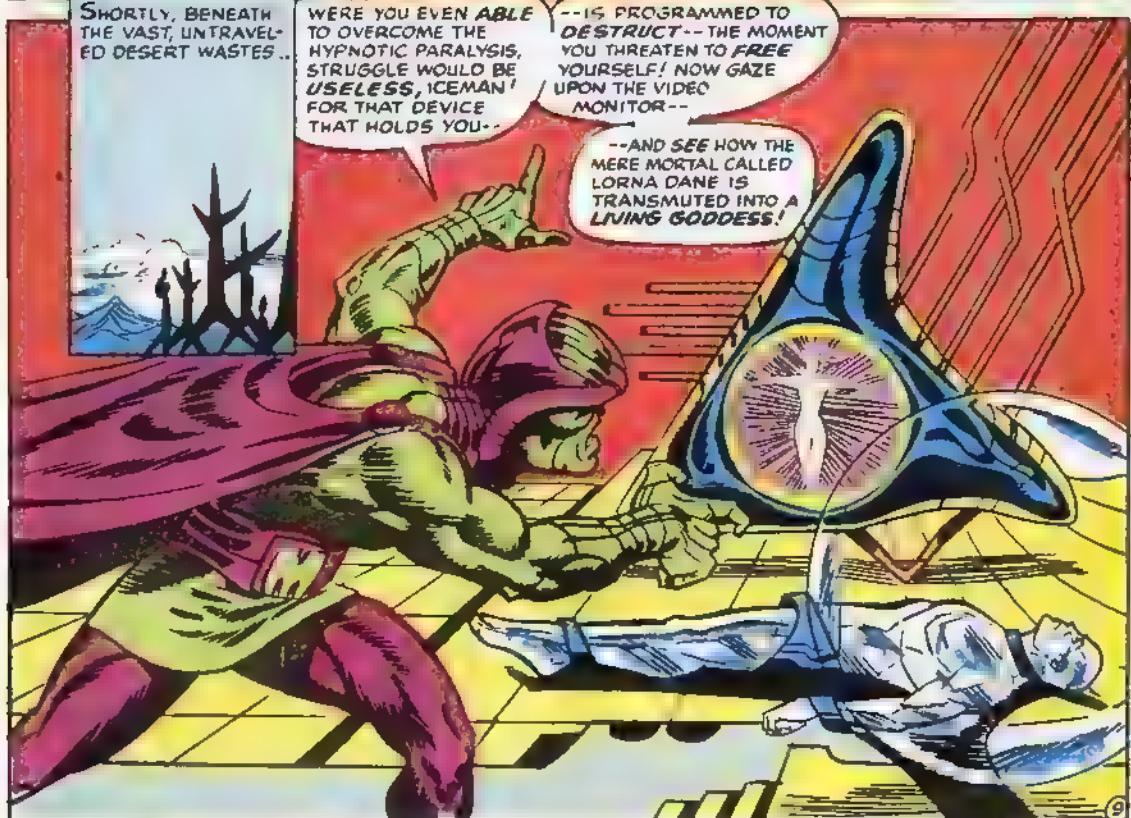


SWIFTLY, THE SILENT WEAPON TAKES ITS TOLL AND THE X-MEN SINK INTO SWIRLING OBLIVION--!



IT IS DONE! OUR MORTAL ENEMIES-- THEMSELVES MUTANTS-- HAVE BECOME TOOTHLESS TIBERS' NOW--

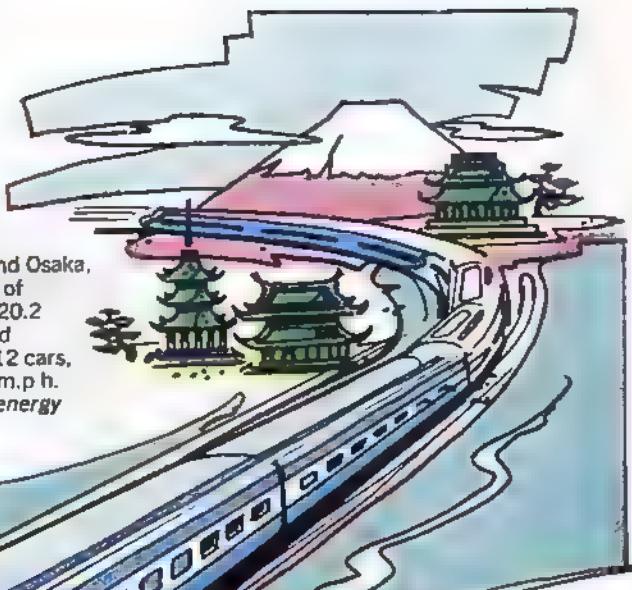
--WE SHALL RETURN WITH THIS TRIUMPHANT TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT MEGMERO! ON TO-- MUTANT CITY!



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# WORLD'S FASTEST TRAIN

The "New Tokaido" train running between Tokyo and Osaka, Japan, is the fastest train service in the world. Part of Japanese National Railways, this train makes the 320.2 mile run in 3 hours 10 minutes, at an average speed of more than 101 m.p.h. Each train is made up of 12 cars, weighs 80 tons and can reach a top speed of 155 m.p.h. The "New Tokaido" is powered by motors with the energy of 11,943 horsepower

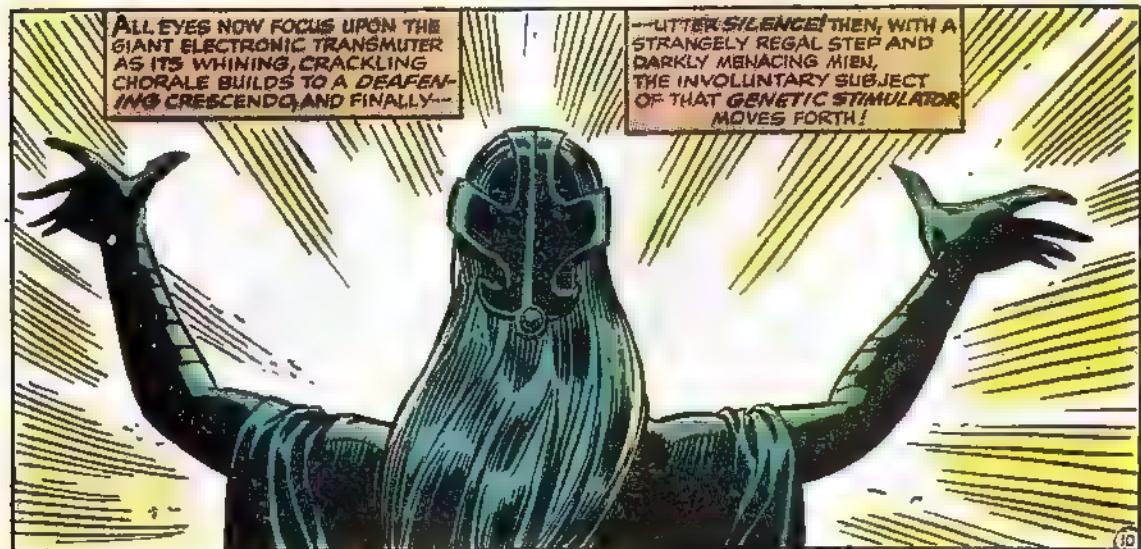
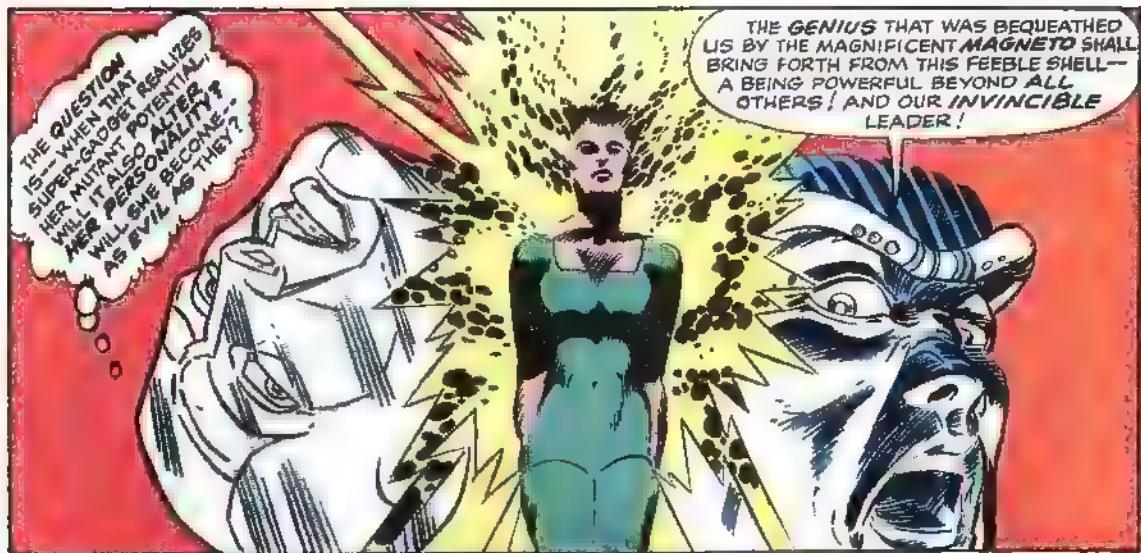


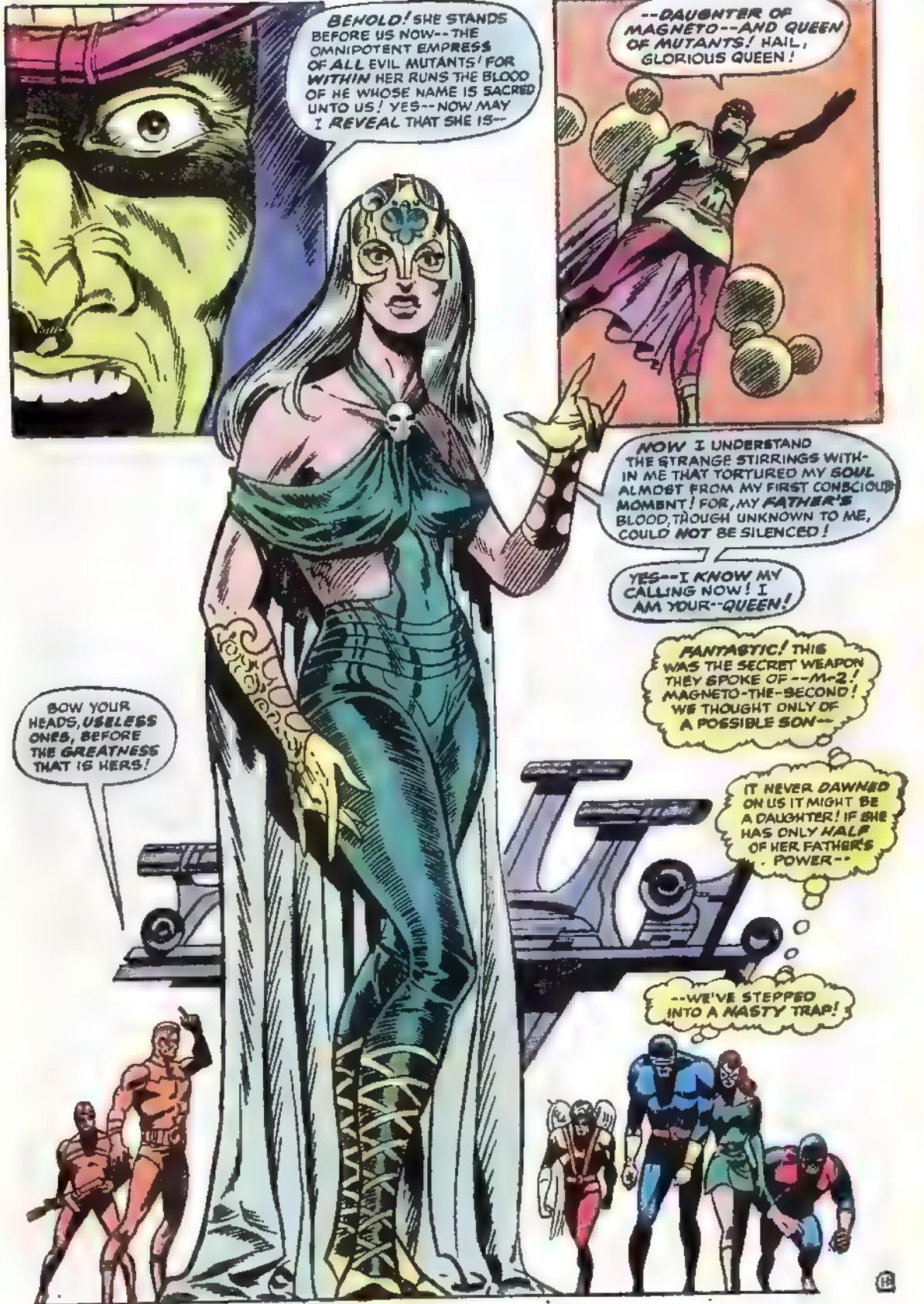
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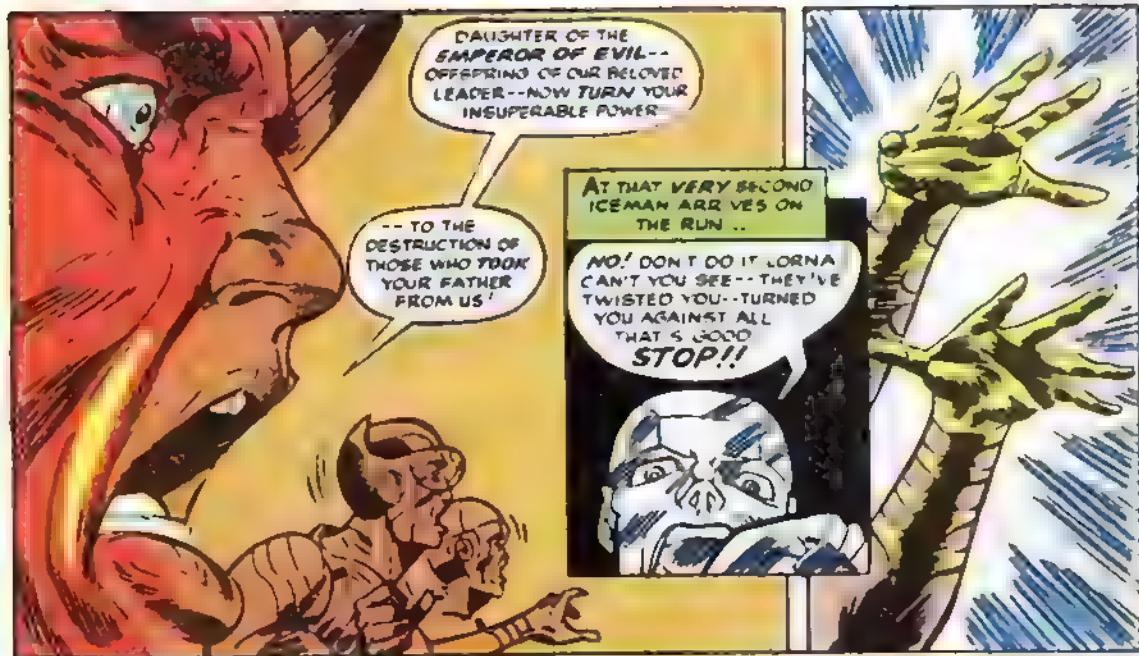


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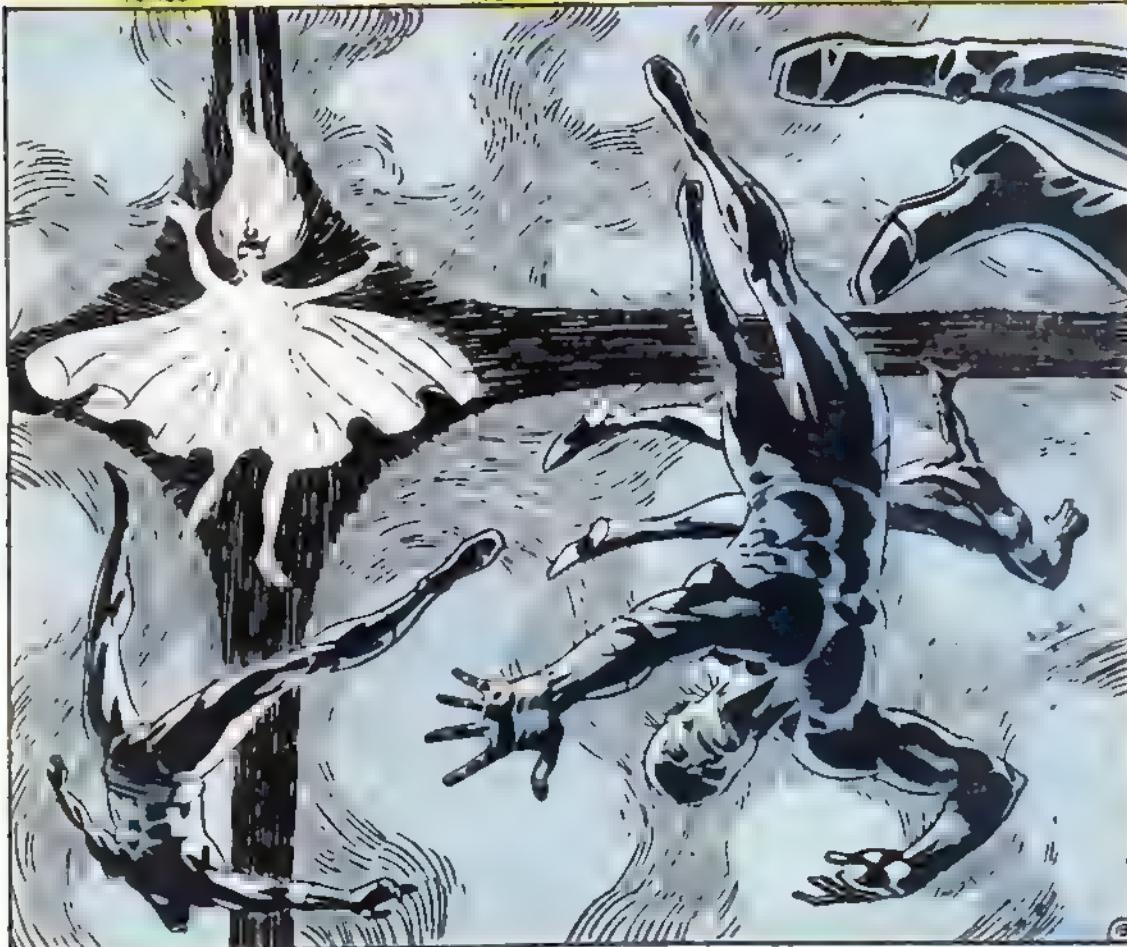




FROM EVERY LIVING CELL OF THAT MUTANT BEING FLOW MIGHTY WAVES OF INCREIBLE FORCE--

--SLAMMING OUTWARD TO FLING THEIR HUMAN TARGETS INTO A LABYRINTHINE LARSO! YET--

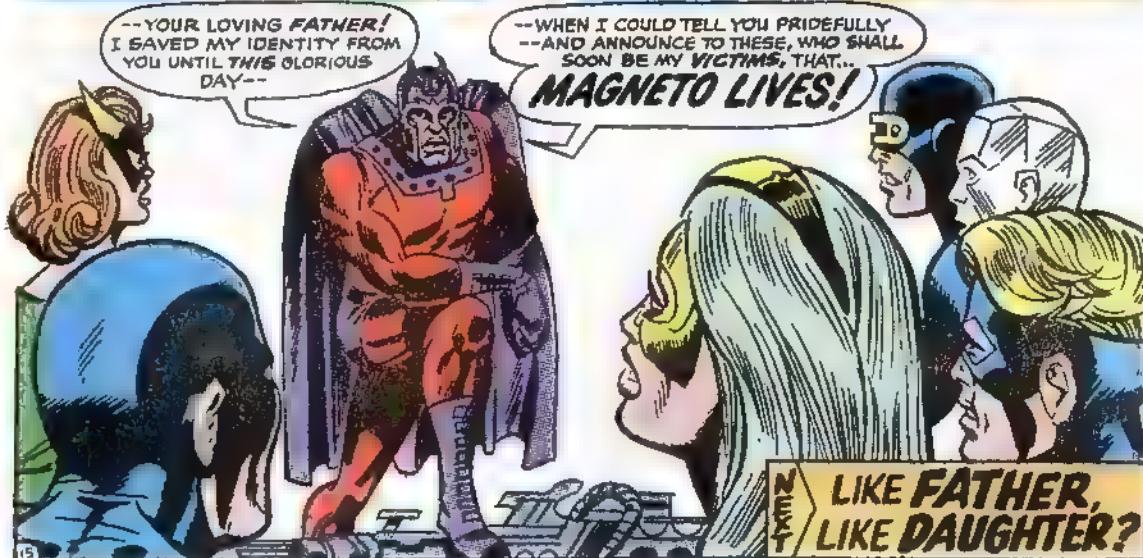
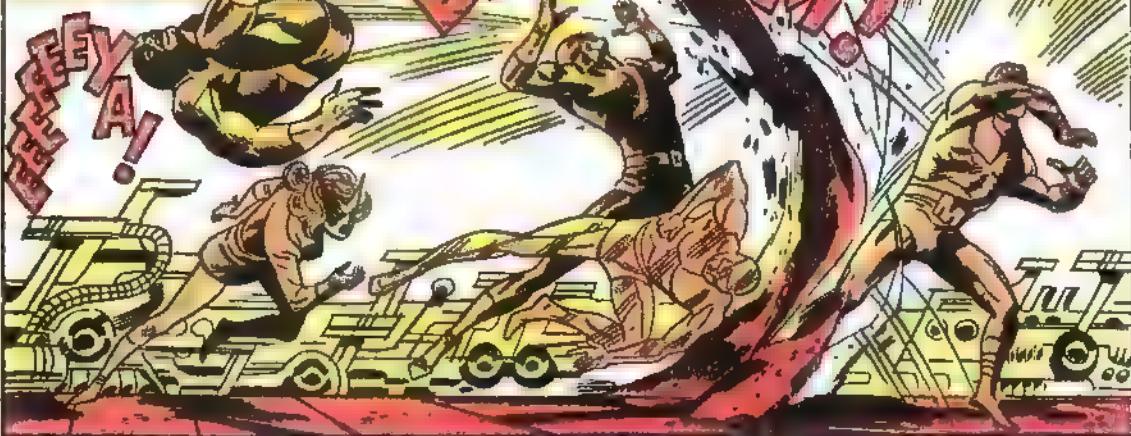
--IT IS NOT AGAINST THE X-MEN THAT SHE HAS UNLOOSED THAT FANTASTIC FORCE BUT AGAINST THE VERY WORSHIPERS OF MAGNETO--!





BUT, EVEN AS THEY REACH THEIR MUTANT TORMENTOR, THE VERY GROUND RISES TO SMITE THEM!

**BAWDDOM!**





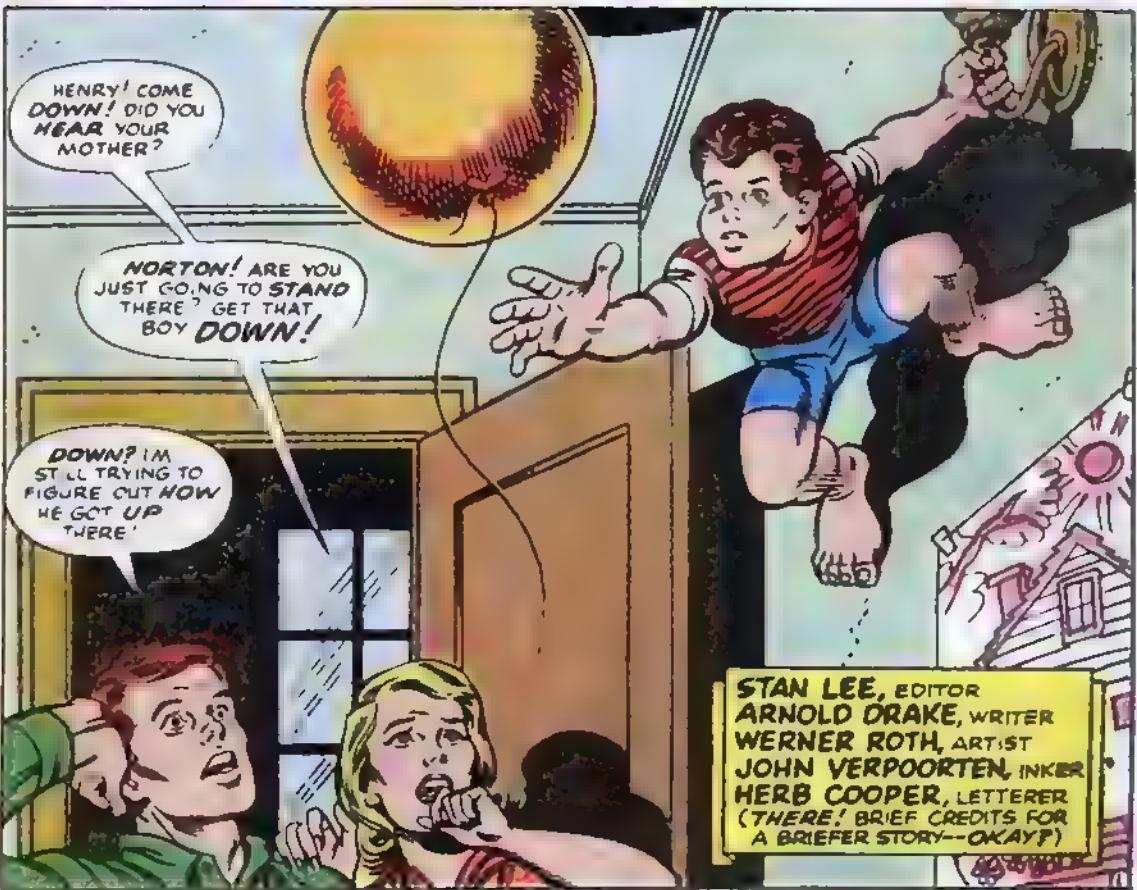
# "THIS BOY-- THIS BOMBSHELL!"

IF YOU GOT HERE AFTER THE SHOW STARTED, SHAME ON YOU--BUT LET US TELL YOU IN! NORTON MCCOY WORKED IN A NUCLEAR PLANT

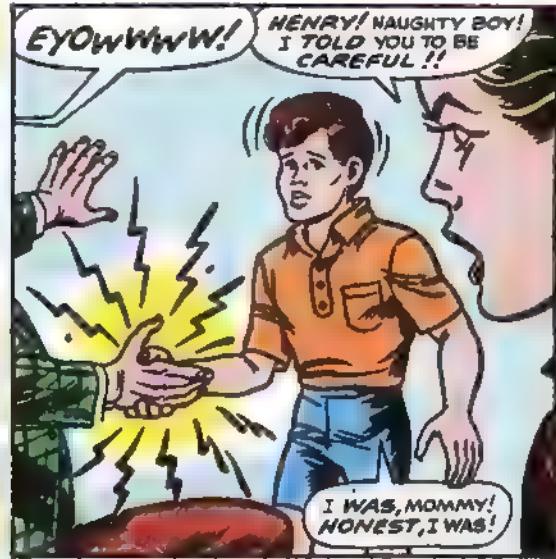


...WHERE HE RISKED DEATH TO STOP A RUN-AWAY ATOMIC REACTOR!

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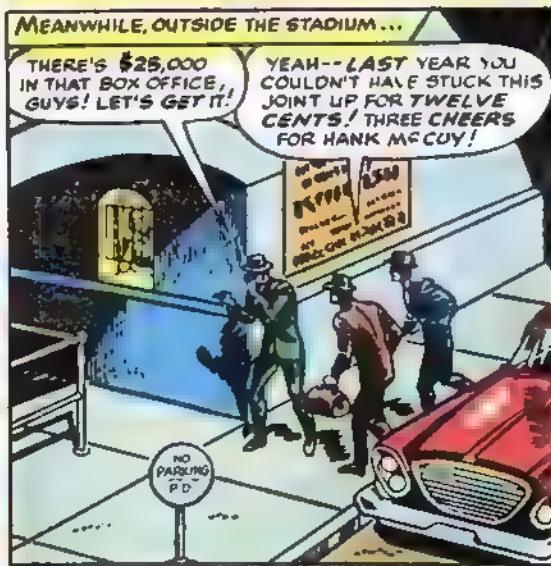
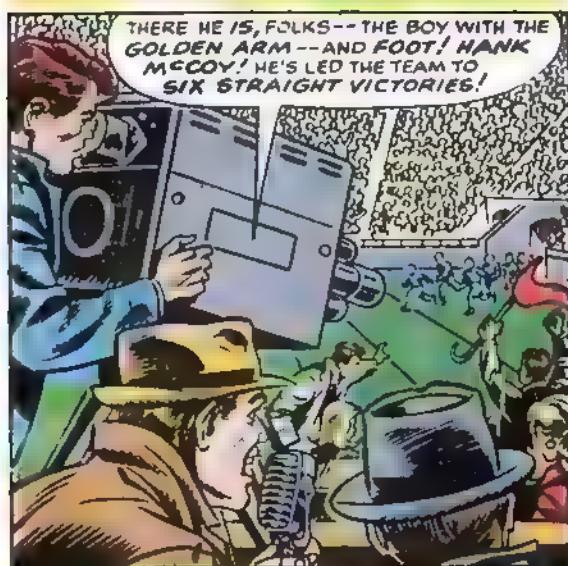
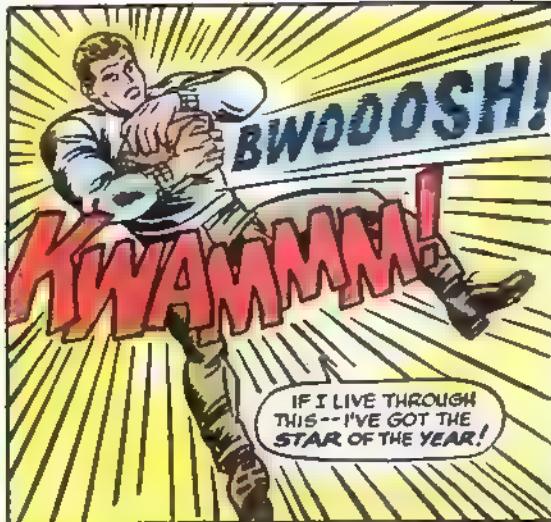
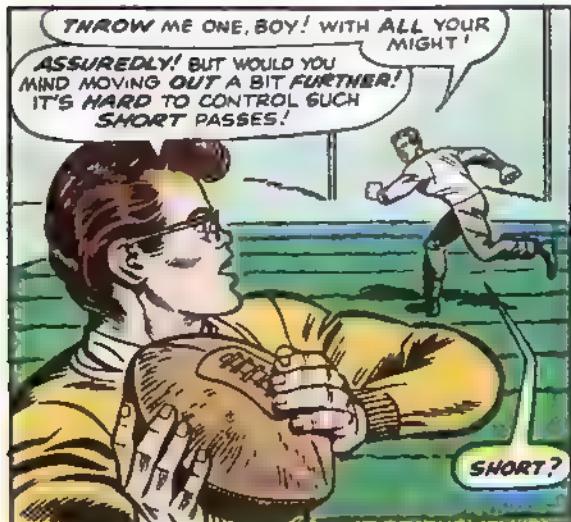


THE YEARS PASSED QUICKLY FOR THE BOY WHO WOULD ONE DAY BE CALLED -- BOAST!



THEN, WITH THE APPROACH OF ADOLESCENCE...





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ITEM: This we've gotta tell you! The world-famous Society for Comic Art Research and Preservation, the largest group of comic-book fans in the nation, recently completed their annual International Convention of Comic Art at New York's famed Statler-Hilton Hotel. As the dyed-in-the-wool buffs among you know, comic fans give annual awards similar to the movie industry's Oscars and TV's Emmies. Well, we're still reeling from the results of this year's awards—awards in which mighty Marvel captured the top spot in just about every single major category. And now, without any further ado, we proudly present the results of one of your favorite Bulpens' greatest triumphs—triumphs that are so staggering you'd almost guess that living Fortbush cast the

ON YOUR MARKS

## BEST MAJOR:

- Best Adventure Comic (Single Character) SPIDER-MAN
- Best Adventure Comic (Group) FANTASTIC FOUR
- Best Western Comic: A GHOST RIDER (B) RAWHIDE KID (C) KID COLT OUTLAW
- Best War Comic: SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS
- Best Costumed Hero Humor: HOT BRAND (C)HMM!
- Best All-Print FANTASY MASTERPIECES (Now Marvel SUPER HEROES)

- Best Combination New and Reprint: MARVEL SUPER HEROES
- Best Regular Short Feature: (A) TALES OF ASGARD (B) THE INHUMANS
- NOTE: One category in this division in which we won no award was Best Juvenile Humor. In fact, since it was Juvenile Humor, we're proud to say we didn't even receive a nomination!

## BEST PROFESSIONAL WORK:

- Best Editor: STAN (The Man) LEE
- Best Writer: Stan in STAN again! (The second consecutive year in which our leader has won both top professional awards!)
- Best Pencil Artist: JACK (lung) KIRBY
- Best Inker: John JOE SINNOTT

## CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL:

- Best Costumed Hero: SPIDEY
- Best Man Super Powered Character: NICK FURY
- Best Super Powered Group: (A) FANTASTIC FOUR, (B) AVENGERS
- Best Supporting Character: (A) J. JONAH JAMESON (B) FOGGY NELSON (C) JASPER SILWELL
- Best Supporting Female: (A) MARY JANE WATSON (B) GWEN STACY
- Best Villain: (A) DR. DOOM (A runaway favorite with over 50% of the total vote!) (B) RED SKULL (C) YELLOW CLAW

Well, that's probably the greatest endgame for any single company in any comic-creating medium in all of history. So to the countless members of the Society who voted in and gave selflessly of their time and efforts to make the Convention this success, it was our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation. And to our various competitors who had to content themselves with the bulk of the also-ran awards, better luck next time. Competition such as this is healthy for everybody, and will force us all to keep on our toes so that, in the long run, it is YOU the reader who is the real winner—and isn't that the way it should be?

## THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

Marvelous News On Both Right Front

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DAREDEVIL #46: DD finally realizes what the Jester's been up to! And, when our sightless lawbreaker gets mad—WOW!

EIGHTH THOR #158: One of Marvel's most daring experiments—the odd and the too-shockin'—continues! So be it!

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DR. STRANGE #17: From the sunless world beneath our very feet come the mystic merciless Sons of Satannish Hood-boy!

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Dear Stan and Co.:

I've just read your 47th publication and printing of the X-MEN. Meaning that I thought X-Men was one of the grooviest issues ever published (of the X-Men, that is)! I think the Beast and the Iceman were just great! I enjoy reading about them in their private lives too! I enjoyed the scenes especially on p.4, panel 4, to p.6, panel 6. Those hippies were really talking, though, like for instance one of them states: "Man, like who turned off the sun." When I read that part I said to myself "BOY, that Groovy Gary F. and Cool-Hand-Drake (Arnold, that is) must really be gettin' up there!" Well, I still think that Cyclops and Marvel Girl pair off together nicely. I also would prefer that our ever-lovin' X-Men would do a little battling with those whom they call homo sapiens. I think it would really turn me and my fellow Marvel fans on. Oh well, I just want to say keep on SOCKIN' IT TO 'EM --- and keep up the fabulous work that you and the Bullpen Gang are doing. And now, in the name of our beloved Irving Forbush, I hereby pronounce and consider this letter ----- CLOSED!

Bob Pinkney, Jr., 33 Saratoga Ave.  
New York, N. Y. 11233



Dear Stan and Roy.

The best idea that you guys have ever come up with was having the X-Men split up. Now instead of trying to get involved in the lives of five super heroes, the reader can finally get interested in one or two. As a team, even though unexperienced, the X-Men were unbeatable, but by themselves, or even teamed up with one of their former partners, they are far from being dull and uninteresting. (X-MEN #47, "The Warlock Wears Three Faces") By the way, don't bring back the Warlock. He is the worst super baddie that the X-Men have ever fought. Keep them split up!!! Until next month, MAKE MARVEL MINE

Eric Johnson, 3795 Regal Vista Drive  
Sherman Oaks, California

Dear Stan and everybody (Gary, Arnold, Werner, Dan, etc.):

Put the X-Men back together! Don't leave them running around the country in ones and twos digging up medium-sized menaces. Where's the team of super-powered mutants that turned back the forces of Magneto, the Juggernaut, the Sentinels, and even fought Spider-Man to a standstill? I realize that the X-Men couldn't stand up as a team against the records logged by super-powered groups like the Avengers or the Fantastic Four; but just because their powers are so odd and limited, the only solution to make them winners cannot be to split them up. Before the death of Professor X, it was the added factor of his intelligence and coordination of their limited powers that pulled them through their battles. Now that you've stated there is absolutely no chance of his return, I think what the team needs to regroup is another member to be designated leader. And think of the possibilities — even Irv Forbush can't be dismissed from the consideration! Anyway, I like the X-Men and I don't think that this new period of soul-searching they're going through is necessary. In short, I would like to see the X-Men type action featured in those now classic battles with Count Nefaria and his legion of Mouldy Villains which for me was the height of the rise of the Marvelous Mutants. Yours till the Iceman cometh.

C. C. Crill, 347 Villa  
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Dear Stan:

This letter is directed toward Miss Carol Baldwin, not as to degrade her, but just to get her to survey her "beef" before publicizing it, since she might have to eat it. To begin, light is a form of pseudo-energy. I base this upon a space problem that has been (I believe, that is) misinterpreted in relativity. I believe there are two forms (and not like light, sound, etc.) of energy: pseudo-energy (light, etc.) and energy of existence (time, depth, breadth, length). Energy of existence has many characteristics such as matter and energy (pseudo-). Thus using Scott's eyes as sort of a "step-up transformer", we can turn light into "energy" by a combination of matter (Scott's metabolism) and energy (light) to form "existing energy". One question now, Carol, are you going to make a career of oceanography? While I plan on theoretical physics, I am interested in oceanography to the extent of changing my major. So would you like to correspond? In closing, Bullpen, keep up the goofs! You might come up with a unified field theory.

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Dear Stan and Roy:

After seeing the X-MEN #47 I had to comment on it! The talents of Werner Roth have brought this mag up from the lowest on my list of Marvels, to one of the best, at last. The only thing I am worried about now, is whether the X-Men will come together on occasions to fight as a team. I hope this will happen because the X-Men are great as a team, but after seeing them in #47 I not only believe they are a great team but that they can and do fight well alone. It was also good to see the identities of Iceman and the Beast once more. Keep this up. It helps to add realism to the magazine. In the corner of the X-Men, the Marvel block is getting too filled up. I think it would be nice to put the X-Men in the block who would star in that particular issue; that way it would not look so crowded. The issue (#47) as a whole was good, but Maha Yogi is not a particularly original name. I especially liked the appearance of the Warlock again. He is a very good villain and added to the good story. One last thing, don't let the romance between Cyclops and Marvel Girl break up, and let it get a little further than it has before. Yours till Stan loses his "Keep the faith" button!

Lane Bailey, Rt. 1, Box 341  
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Dear Stan and everyone else who makes the X-MEN: In X-MEN #47, Iceman says that if he doesn't take his "civvies" off before he changes to ice, they crack. Then, in issue #45 he changes to ice; then, in issue #46 he changes back into the same clothes! Now (since I'm so nice) I'll save you. When Professor X improved Iceman by changing him from snow to ice, he also made him colder (so it would affect evildoers more). When he switched to Iceman in #45 he wasn't as cold, so his clothes were not affected as much. Now that we got that straightened out, I'd like to say something about the Living Diamond. The Diamond is not the hardest thing in the world, it's the hardest mineral in the world. Hardness means whether or not you can scratch something. In other words, no rock can scratch a diamond. But a diamond can be shattered by a hammer! So how can the Living Diamond break through a wall without shattering? The last thing I have to say is that in issue #45 the sheriff has a brown coat on with a yellow checked shirt and brown pants. In the next issue he has blue pants, blue coat, and a red checkered shirt. Whoever colors your comics ought to wake up! The sheriff also has three arms in #45, page 17, panel 2, or else the guy behind him had a psychedelic coat on.

Nick Sheedy, 1 Schoolhouse Lane  
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Dear Stan:

I've heard of major changes in a comic magazine, and usually I'm all for them . . . but . . . if you think you're going to get away with splitting up Jean and Scott, I'll swear off comics (Marvel) for good!!! Do you know what you'll do if you break them up? I'll tell you! They'll just end up sharing heartbroken balloons and action may go zilch!! If you keep Scott and Jean together, I'll say "Face Front Forever!" But if you split them up, I'll bid you, "Face Front" . . . until my bosom buddies and I burn down a certain building on Madison Avenue (and just between us, Buddy Boy, we know which one). Awaiting X-Men #47 (and there'd better be one).

David M. Willis, 305 South St.  
Halifax, Mass. 02338

Dear Marvel People:

Now you've done it — you've finally gone and made me mad. I've been reading Marvel mags for a long time, and I own just about every superhero mag you've put out in the last 2½ years, so I count myself a fairly loyal fan. I've never before written to complain; because I see no point in hasseling you about petty errors in some of the finest literature available. After all, we all make a mistake occasionally. But . . . and this is a pretty big but . . . but, I say, I have just finished reading X-MEN #47 and this only one month after reading THOR #154. Now, I am as ready as the next guy to admit that there are some pretty unpleasant cats walking around with long hair, weird clothes, and beads — but I certainly would expect you fine people to be hip that some of us hippies are nice, friendly, law abiding citizens who even have something to contribute to society. My hair goes well below my shoulder blades, I wear funny clothes, and seldom go out without something around my neck. I also have a wife, a child, and my own business (I'm a silver-smith). I have a lot of friends who are also what the world now calls hippies — among them are some of the Bay Area's finest craftsmen and artists. Some of us are producing music which is exploring all kinds of new possibilities, which other serious musicians (including many "straight" classical composers) admit should be taken seriously, even if they don't like it. We have revived poster art, and have done more with "environmental" art forms than any other group of people. Again I say, I don't mind your pointing out that there are bad things to be said about the hippies — there certainly are — but please, people, there are bad things to be said about any group of people — and there are also some pretty nice things to be said about any group of people, even us. I'm sure you know that. It's not your style to be unfair to anyone — I hope maybe you'll find an opportunity to make all your long-haired fans out here happy again, and to let us all know you know we aren't all nasty. Since, even if you do have some funny ideas about us, we know good literature when we find it, and I for one, am not about to stop reading Marvel. I just hope you'll put something in one of your mags to let me know you still like me. Michael Wallace, 2426 McGee Street #1

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**Norman Rockwell**—America's most beloved artist. He is a founder and member of the Guiding Faculty of the Famous Artists School.

## 'We're looking for people who like to draw'

**says Norman Rockwell**

Today hundreds of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working at easels and drawing boards, making pictures and getting well paid for it. They all can thank a group of famous artists who have devoted much of their time and talent to helping others find success in art.

### Some of the people the Famous Artists have helped

Carl Koch was an 18-year-old apprentice in a Chicago art studio when he enrolled. Today he prepares ads for such companies as General Motors and Firestone—has won five gold medals.

Howard Sanden of Minneapolis took the Course while still in high school. He is now a successful artist—recently he and his wife traveled through Europe and the Middle East on important art assignments.

Paul Sullivan enrolled at 14. His Famous Artists training helped him work his way through college.

Kathleen Gironda of Indiana, Pennsylvania, was an 18-year-old salesgirl in a department store. She still works for a department store, but now it's as an advertising artist and fashion illustrator.

With Famous Artists training James Ryan, formerly a clerk, has become an illustrator at Hughes Aircraft—and turns out a steady stream of well-paying free-lance artwork in his spare time.

Oregon housewife Helen Tryk lives 150 miles from the nearest big city. But she does fashion illustration, has her own studio, runs an art workshop, does portraits.

### A plan to help others

It started over 18 years ago when a group of America's most successful artists—men like Albert Dorne, Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Al Parker and Stevan Dohanos—met in New York City. They knew that all over America there were people who liked to draw who could be turned into good artists. Albert Dorne asked, "Why can't we give these people the

### Founding Faculty of the Famous Artists School

Norman Rockwell	Fred Ludekens
Jon Whitcomb	Ben Stahl
Al Parker	Robert Fawcett
Stevan Dohanos	Austin Briggs
George Giusti	Harold Von Schmidt
Peter Helck	Albert Dorne

training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years?"

He suggested a new kind of art school—a home study art school—that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live.

The famous artists agreed. Taking time from their busy careers, they created a remarkable series of art lessons covering every aspect of drawing and painting. They illustrated their lessons with over 5,000 "here's-how" illustrations. The lessons start from scratch and cover every skill a top artist needs. Finally, they developed a wonderful way to give each student personal correction and advice all through his training.

The famous artists with the School are not surprised at the success of their students. The opportunities open to successful artists today are enormous. The School continually gets calls from all over the country asking for practical well-trained students—not geniuses—who can step into full-time or part-time art jobs. And practical, thorough training is what the School offers.

### Famous Artists Talent Test

To find others with art talent worth developing, the Famous Artists created a 12-page Talent Test. Thousands paid to take this test, but now the School offers and grades it free. Men and women who do well on the test—or offer other sufficient evidence of art talent—may enroll in the School. But there's no obligation. Simply mail the coupon below.

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